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SUBJECT: FURTHER ACTION ON INDOCHINA REFUGEES

REFS: (A) STATE 36782, (B) TAIPEI 0645, (C) TAIPEI 1067

1. THE INTERAGENCY MEETING ON REFUGEES THAT FONMIN SHEN IS TO CHAIR (REF C) IS, IN MY VIEW, UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE WHAT WE WOULD CONSIDER AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO MY JANUARY 30 DEMARCHE UNLESS WE KEEP THE PRESSURE ON. OUR LEVERAGE IS GROC SENSITIVITY TO PUBLIC AND PARTICULARLY CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM. ONE APPROACH WOULD BE FOR ME TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH THE PREMIER. TO MAKE THE POINT EFFECTIVELY, HOWEVER, I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE IN HAND A WELL-DOCUMENTED CASE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN ON THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE STANDS OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMEN WHOSE ATTITUDES MAY BE OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO THE GROC.

2. THIS APPROACH TO PREMIER WOULD BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE IF (TAKING A PAGE FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS BOOK) I COULD INFORM HIM THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD ASKED THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN REPORT TO CONGRESS ON WHAT COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE DOING ON THE INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROBLEM. THE GROC WOULD DOUBTLESS WISH TO AVOID THE CONFIDENTIAL

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